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FAST COMPUTATION OF  
ASSOCIATIVE OPERATIONS OVER  
FIXED SIZE REGIONS OF A  
DIGITAL IMAGE

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**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW AND REQUEST FOR  
CORRECTION OF ADVISORY ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Interview Summary, mailed April 21, 2005, in connection with the above-referenced patent application, the Applicant has the following comments. The subject interview was had by telephone on March 10, 2005.

Briefly, during the interview, the applicant's attorney (undersigned) and the Examiner discussed the present invention and the distinctions between the claimed invention and the cited art (e.g. U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0033287 to Naegle, et al.). The discussion was primarily based on the phrase "associative operation" as used in the claims and as distinguishing over Naegle. The respective

positions of the Examiner and the applicant were discussed; however, no agreement was reached.

The Examiner's Interview Summary indicates an individual named Matt Bella was present during the telephone conversation. Applicant's records are not clear as to whether Mr. Bella was a part of the telephone call. Apparently, Matthew Bella is the Examiner's supervisor.

In addition, the Interview Summary was accompanied by an Advisory Action. The Advisory Action failed to acknowledge receipt of a Notice of Appeal which was filed on March 11, 2005. Appropriate correction is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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